# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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REORGANISATION OF VIGILANCE MONITORING COMMITTEES
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to reorganize the vigilance and monitoring committees set up in all the districts of the States for the rural development programmes;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to the States in this regard;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to equip with special powers to these committees ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has reconstituted the Vigilance andMonitoring (V&M) Committees at the State and District levels with greater role for Members of Parliament.. The reconstituted V&M Committees would replace all otherCommittees constituted by the Ministry for similar purposes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The revised guidelines for the V&M Committees have been issued to allStates/UTs. These guidelines contained the composition, role and functions of these Committees at State and district levels, as well as instructions for conducted the meetings.

(e) The Committees shall have the authority to summon and inspect any record inrespect of implementation of the programmes including complaints of wrong selection of beneficiaries, mis-appropriation/ diversion of funds of various schemes of the Ministry and recommend follow up actions. The Committee may refer any matter of enquiry to the Dy. Commissioner/ Chief Executive Officer/ Project Director or suggest suitable action to be taken as per rules which shall be acted upon by him within 30 days.